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# Lyndon Johnson Finds Dulles Well, Abreast Developments

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Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, although sidelined by serious illness in the midst of international crisis, is taking an increasing role in all major developments, his aides said yesterday.

Through visits by top officials, and telephone calls to others, and by reading daily intelligence reports and cables—plus daily press accounts—the ailing Secretary is reported both abreast of and active in foreign policy.

One visitor yesterday to Dulles' suite in Walter Reed Hospital, Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) later told newsmen:

"We discussed some of the serious problems confronting the world today and the Secretary brought me up to date on the newest developments."

Johnson reported, as have other visitors, that Dulles "looks surprisingly well and is in fine spirits."

The recuperation of the 68-year-old Secretary from major surgery in which an intestinal

cancer was removed just 11 days ago is said to continue to exceed the doctors' original expectations.

Dulles was away out of action completely for a day and a half since he was hospitalized. The Monday after his Saturday operation, he was calling for Department cables to study, and aides said he has been in almost daily contact with Under Secretary Herbert Hoover Jr.

Hoover on Thursday will go to New York, in Dulles' place, to take leadership of the United States delegation at the United Nations General Assembly.

While Dulles' illness has brought a flood of reports that he will have to be replaced as Secretary, those close to the State Department insist he will be back on the job at his regular office within a few more weeks.

Instead of mourning over setbacks in foreign affairs, Dulles, although still hospitalized, is reported to be making plans for heading the Western

schism. His visitors, while still limited, are the Government's leaders, transacting business as

well as the Secretary's health. In addition to the frequent calls of Under Secretary Hoover, Dulles has been visited three times by President Eisenhower; has talked with Vice President Nixon; frequently sees Allen W. Dulles, his brother and director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and has met with other officials.

Yesterday, for example, his visitors included Sen. Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Carl W. McCordle, Hoover, Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey, and Allen Dulles.

Dulles' special assistants, William B. Macomber and John W. Hanes Jr., take turns at running the "office" in the hospital suite, along with Dulles' personal secretary, Phyllis Bernau, and three secretaries, who usually work in shifts: Mildred Ashjornson, Carolyn Proctor and Jane Morris.

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